

Senate Resolution 855

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th, Lucas of the 26th,
Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the rich tradition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and welcoming its
2 members to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 85th Seventh District Conference; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. was founded on the
5 campus of a historically black college, Howard University; and

6 WHEREAS, the founders were three undergraduates, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James
7 Cooper, and Frank Coleman, along with their faculty advisor, Ernest Everett Just; and

8 WHEREAS, the name Omega Psi Phi was chosen to represent this fraternal organization, and
9 the phrase "friendship is essential to the soul" was selected as the motto. Manhood,
10 Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift were adopted as cardinal principles; and

11 WHEREAS, on November 23, 1911, Edgar A. Love became the first Grand Basileus. Oscar
12 J. Cooper and Frank Coleman were selected to be the Grand Keeper of the Records and
13 Grand Keeper of Seals, respectively. Eleven undergraduate men were selected to become
14 the charter members; and

15 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has built a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its
16 cardinal principles; and

17 WHEREAS, there are many notable Omega men recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences,
18 academics, athletics, business, civil rights, and government at local, national, and
19 international levels; and

20 WHEREAS, the fraternity continues to flourish, largely because its founders were men of
21 the highest ideals and intellect and, as such, attracted men of similar ideals, values, and
22 characteristics, beginning a legacy that continues to attract many of America's great black
23 men whose aspiration is to seek affiliation through membership. This results in Omega Psi
24 Phi Fraternity Inc. having over seven hundred chapters throughout the United States and in
25 Bermuda, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait; and

26 WHEREAS, the International Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is led by Grand Basileus David
27 Marion, PhD; and

28 WHEREAS, the fraternity continues to mentor youths, provide community service such as
29 support to the needy, register people to vote, and fulfill its mandated programs, including
30 scholarship and remaining the guardians of the social and political accomplishments of those
31 who have gone before them; and

32 WHEREAS, the Seventh District Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 6
33 through April 10, 2022. It will be hosted by the Tau, Mu Mu Mu, Beta Psi, and Kappa
34 Kappa Chapters, which have a rich and storied legacy as members of the Seventh District
35 lead by District Representative Reginald Harris; and

36 WHEREAS, the Seventh District consists of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi and
37 over 2,000 members; and

38 WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings on the Howard University campus, Omega Psi Phi
39 Fraternity Inc. continues to be on the front line, leveraging its power, influence, and more
40 than 100 years of commitment to uplifting people and communities.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 honor the rich tradition of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and welcome its members
43 to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 85th Seventh District Meeting to be held April 8 through April
44 10, 2022.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Omega Psi Phi
47 Fraternity Incorporated.